

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 143

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 143 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF
HONOLULU IN COORDINATION WITH THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR
RAPID TRANSPORTATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO GENERATE REVENUE
FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF RAIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the City
and County of Honolulu to develop a plan to generate revenue for
operations and maintenance of rail.

More specifically, this measure requests that:

- (1) The City and County of Honolulu, in coordination with
the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation:
 - (A) Develop a plan to generate revenue via transit-
oriented development near rail stations, including
the development of housing and employment clusters;
 - (B) Identify locations where tax increment financing or
community facilities districts may be established
to generate revenues that could be used for
construction, operations, and maintenance of the
Honolulu rail transit project; and
 - (C) Identify areas of employment concentration and
opportunities for future transit investments;



- (2) The City and County of Honolulu review land use ordinances of lands that lie within one-half mile of rail stations and implement measures to amend zoning, as necessary, to allow for transit-oriented development in those areas to include but not be limited to commercial, residential, and mixed-use development; and
- (3) The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation expend any proceeds from an extension of the county surcharge on state tax on construction only, and not for rail operation or maintenance costs.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation. Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation has incurred a budget shortfall of up to \$900,000,000 for construction of the Honolulu rail project. Your Committee has approved another measure to address this shortfall in the capital cost budget for the project.

In that measure, your Committee has prohibited the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation from using revenues from the county surcharge on state tax for operation and maintenance costs of the rail project. To that end, it is even more critical that the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation and the City and County of Honolulu identify viable revenue generating options and develop plans to implement them, in order to fund the operation and maintenance of the rail system.

Your Committee is very concerned that, at the current time, no such plans exist, and strongly encourages the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation and the City and County of Honolulu to capitalize on the economic development opportunities that can come with the demand for both housing and job creation along the rail line.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 143 and recommends its adoption.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SCR 143</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">TRA, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">4-8-15</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	9	0	1	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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